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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending and subject to restriction as follows:

Group election:

Group I (claims 1-14, drawn to various methods comprising detecting a HCC related protein); and

Group II (claims 15-16, drawn to a method comprising assaying for transcription using primers [claim 15] and to a method comprising detecting a cell-associated HCC related protein [claim 16]).

Election

Applicants elect **Group I** (claims 1-14), *with traverse*.

The basis of Applicants' traversal is that claim 16 has been misconstrued by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement and should be included in Group I, by virtue of the fact that it is drawn to a method comprising detecting a HCC related protein and, thus, should be included in Group 1. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that Group 1 be redefined to include claim 16 and that new Group 1 (claims 1-14 and 16) is elected by Applicants.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response and Amendment and allowance of all claims as provided and amended herein above. The Examiner is encouraged to phone Applicants' attorney, Barry L. Davison, to resolve any outstanding issues and expedite allowance of this application.

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